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1. ON 8 SEPTEMBER, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH MARIO DE DIEGO, THE NEW HEAD OF THE PANAMANIAN BANKING COMMISSION CONCERNING SUBJECT OF REF. MR. DE DIEGO EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO THE RECENT DEPARTURE OF NICOLAS BARLETTA, FORMER MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC POLICY (WHO WAS PANAMA'S GOVERNOR TO THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK), AND THE EVEN MORE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF RICARDO DE ESPRIELLA, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL BANK (WHO IS THE ALTERNATE GOVERNOR) AS CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF PANAMA, PANAMA HAS NOT YET FORMULATED ITS PROPOSALS OR FULLY DISCUSSED THE ISSUES IT IS LIKELY TO RAISE AT THE IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETING.

2. MR. DE DIEGO HAD EXPECTED MR. DE ESPRIELLA OR GUSTAVO GONZALEZ, NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF PLANS AND ECONOMIC POLICY TO HEAD THE PANAMANIAN DELEGATION, BUT IT NOW APPEARS THAT LUIS ADAMES, ACTING MINISTER OF THE TREASURY, WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION.

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3. MR. DE DIEGO PLANS TO URGE MINISTER ADAMES AND MINISTER GONZALEZ TO ENTER INTO AN ACTIVE DISCUSSION WITH HIM, DURING THE COMING WEEK, TO DEFINE THE ISSUES IN WHICH PANAMA SHOULD TAKE AN INTEREST AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. WILL ADVISE.

4. WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL ISSUES, THE GOP MAY WISH

TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE TREASURY CLOSING ITS
CUSTODY ACCOUNT IN CHASE/BALBOA AS REPORTED IN
PANAMA 06382. BE ADVISED THAT FORMER MINISTER
BARLETTA, WHO IS NOW VICE PRESIDENT FOR LATIN AMERICA
AT THE WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON, DC, IS PROBABLY
AS KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHERS WHICH
PANAMA MAY RAISE AT THE IMF/WORLD BANK ANNUAL
MEETING AS MOST OFFICIALS IN PANAMA. DIKEOS

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